

Having a primary care provider

Alternate Name*

Percentage of people aged 16 and older who reported having a primary care provider.

INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

Description*

This indicator measures the percentage of people in Ontario aged 16 and older who reported having a family doctor, a general practitioner or GP, or nurse practitioner that they see for regular check-ups, when they get sick and so on. A higher percentage is better.

HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

Dimension*

Patient-centred

Timely

Type*

Outcome

DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

Unit of Measurement*

Percentage

Calculation Methods*

Numerator divided by the denominator times 100

Numerator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

Weighted number of survey respondents who reported having a family doctor, a general practitioner or GP, or nurse practitioner that they see for regular check-ups, when they get sick and so on.

Denominator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

Weighted number of survey respondents who answered yes or no to the questions on:

- having a family doctor, a general practitioner or GP, or nurse practitioner that they see for regular check-ups, when they get sick and so on

Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- generalized

None

Data Source

Health Care Experience Survey (HCES)

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Data provided to HQO by

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)

Reported Levels of comparability /stratifications (defined)

International comparison

Province

Immigration

Language

Age

Income

Education

Rurality

Region

Sex

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Caveats and Limitations

1. Only people aged 16 years and older can complete the survey. 2. People living in institutions, in households without telephones, and those with invalid/missing household addresses in the Registered Persons Database (RPDB) are excluded. 3. Respondents who were unable to speak English or French or were not healthy enough (physically or mentally) to complete the interview were not surveyed.

Comments Summary

The results are weighted to account for the design characteristics of the survey and post-stratified by age and sex to reflect the Ontario population. In addition, the regional community weighting is applied. In the Measuring Up report the international and provincial comparisons are reported as well. The data source for international and provincial comparisons is Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Adults (among aged 18 and older). The results are based on the following survey questions in CMWF IHP: Is there one doctor you usually go to for your medical care? Is there one doctor's group, health center, or clinic you usually go to for most of your medical care? The education stratification analysis is done among those aged 25 and older. Urban/rural status is defined using Statistics Canada's Statistical Area Classification. Household income analysis does not consider the household composition.

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